

CR
E

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 5/25/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Alex "Joe" Lacroix
Office: City Marshal, City Court, City of Rayne
Parish: ACADIA
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020
Date Filed: 10/15/2020
Activity Receipts: \$4,307.72 (personal loan)
Expenditures: \$4,307.72
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$600
Days Late: 10
Late Fee Order Received: 12/5/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/25/2020
Waiver Request Received: 12/8/2020
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Cheryl Boudreaux, report preparer submitted waiver request and she states that they were unaware of a previous electronic candidate login because the person previously filing the candidate's reports did not provide them with the information. She said they submitted an electronic filing affidavit on 10/2/20 and they faxed on a report in on 10/1/20. They eventually got the login info from previous preparer and submitted the report electronically.

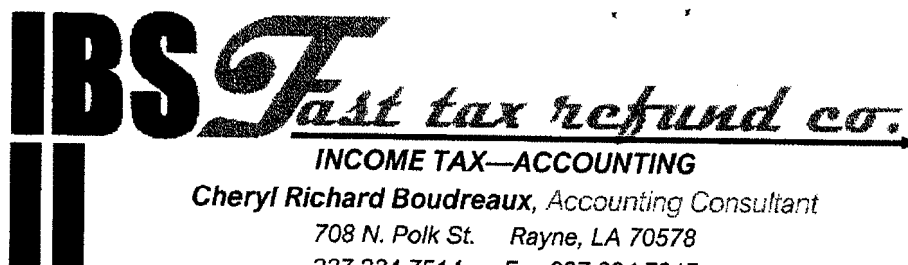
OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No



IBS, Inc.
P.O. Box 413
ibs7514@gmail.com

Fast Tax Refund Company
P.O. Box 245
fasttaxrefundcompany@gmail.com

December 8, 2020

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
via fax 225-381-7271

RE: Alex "Joe" Lacroix

To whom it may concern,

We would like to respectfully request that the late fee assessment in the amount of \$600 be waived.

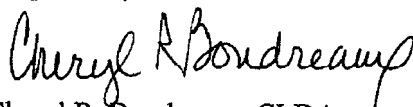
The circumstances surrounding the late electronic filing are as follows:

- We were unaware of a previous electronic candidate login due to the fact that the person filing his reports did not provide that information. We submitted by mail the Electronic Filing Affidavit on October 2, 2020. We anticipated that the filing would take a few days to process, so we submitted his Candidate Report by fax on October 1, 2020 in the hopes of at least getting his report into your office.
- We received a letter from Jenny Arnaud on October 7, 2020 indicating that the faxed report would not be accepted as having been filed and I responded in the affirmative our understanding and with our reasoning.
- We finally got the electronic filing information from the person previously responsible for filing his candidate reports and was able to electronically submit his Candidate Report correctly.

We hope that the committee will see that all other reports have filed in a timely manner and give consideration to our wanting to do it correctly and had delays we considered out of our control.

We've attached supporting documentation for consideration and appreciate your time.

Respectfully,


Cheryl R. Boudreaux, CLDA

attachments

INCOME TAX—ACCOUNTING

National Society of Tax Professionals

National Society of Accountants

American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers

Fax Received 13:57:01 2020-12-08

Electronic Filer Record**Candidate Electronic Filer Record:****Last Name:** Lacroix**First Name:** Alex**Street Address:** 122 W. Thayer**City:** Rayne**Zip Code:** 70578**Phone Number:** 337-334-2112**Fax Number:** N/A**Email Address:** N/A**Authorized Preparer(s):****Company:** IBS, Inc.**Name:** Cheryl R. Boudreaux**Telephone No:** 337-334-7514**FAX:** 337-334-7317**Email Address:****Name:****Telephone No:****FAX:****Email Address:****Comments:**

Please file the completed form with the Louisiana Board of Ethics by mail at:

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, La 70821

For Office Use Only: CFEFA

Affidavit Received: _____

Assigned Filer ID: _____

Date Organized: _____

File Upload Portal

[Home](#) [General](#) ▶ [Disclosure](#) ▶ [Campaign Finance](#) ▶ [Lobbying](#) ▶ [Training](#) ▶ [Contact Us](#) ▶

Campaign Finance File Upload

This upload page is intended to be used as an alternative to faxing campaign finance reports to the Ethics Administration. If you are required to electronically file your report (such as a DISTRICT or MAJOR level candidate), you should not use this page. Electronic filing must occur using an approved e-filing method such as [Leaders Online](#).

File successfully uploaded on 10/1/2020 at 2:14 PM

Document Type: Candidate Report (Equivalent to Fax Filing)

Filer Name: Alex J. Lacroix

Filer E-mail: ibs7514@gmail.com

File Name: Alex J. Lacroix, 9-24-20 Candidate Report.pdf

Page Count: 14

[Upload New File](#)

Copyright (c) 2008 Louisiana Board of Ethics. All rights reserved.



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
P. O. BOX 4368
BATON ROUGE, LA 70821
(225) 219-5600
FAX: (225) 381-7271
1-800-842-6630
www.ethics.la.gov

October 2, 2020

Alex "Joe" Lacroix
406 E. Edwards St.
Rayne, LA 70578

Dear Mr. Lacroix:

Effective January 1, 2010, Act 25 of the 2008 1st Extraordinary Session requires each candidate for a MAJOR and DISTRICT office to electronically file campaign finance disclosure reports with this office.

We are unable to accept reports filed by you in paper form, therefore, the 30-P report you Uploaded on 10-1-20

to this office on is **NOT** considered to have been filed. Your reports **MUST** be filed electronically. In order to file electronically with the Louisiana Ethics Administration Disclosure & Electronic Reporting System (LEADERS), you will need to send an electronic filing affidavit. The affidavit and information on electronic software can be downloaded from our website at www.ethics.la.gov.

Sincerely,

Jenny Arnaud
Compliance Officer

P.O. Box 413
708 N. Polk St.
Rayne, LA 70578
337-334-7514
337-334-7317
ibs7514@gmail.com

**IBS, Inc. &
Fast Tax Refund Co.**

Fax

To:	Jenny Arnaud	From:	Cheryl R Boudreaux
Fax:	225-381-7271	Pages:	4
Phone:		Date	10/07/20
Re:	30-P, Alex Lacroix	cc:	

☐ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

Ms. Arnaud,
Yes ma'am, I was aware that he was not in compliance with the electronic submission, but hoped that while I was getting him to pull together the affidavit, I would at least have the opportunity to get his report in to you guys.
I've now gotten the affidavit (faxed to you as an fyi) and will be mailing the original.
Thank you for assistance provided.

Respectfully,
Cheryl R. Boudreaux

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Alex "Joe" Lacroix
 November 3, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Alex "Joe" Lacroix, in his capacity as a candidate for City Marshal, City Court, City of Rayne in the November 3, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

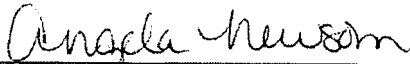
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(3), Alex "Joe" Lacroix was required to file a 30th Day Prior to Primary Report (30-P) by October 5, 2020. Alex "Joe" Lacroix filed the report on October 15, 2020 and was 10 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Alex "Joe" Lacroix for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$600 is assessed against Alex "Joe" Lacroix for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 3rd day of December 2020 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



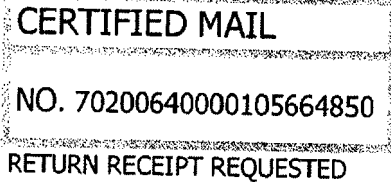
Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
P. O. BOX 4368
BATON ROUGE, LA 70821
(225) 219-5600
FAX: (225) 381-7271
1-800-842-6630
www.ethics.la.gov

December 3, 2020

Alex "Joe" Lacroix
122 W. Thayer St.
Rayne, LA 70578



RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 10 days late

Dear Alex "Joe" Lacroix:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$600 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not **pay or dispute** the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn



Unknown @Port 9100

12/08/2020 1:49 PM

Start Page

Xerox® VersaLink™ B405DN Multifunction Printer